

REMARKS

Applicants requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 11-13 are pending in this application, with each of Claims 11-13 being independent. Claims 1-10, 14-20, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 31 have been cancelled without prejudice.

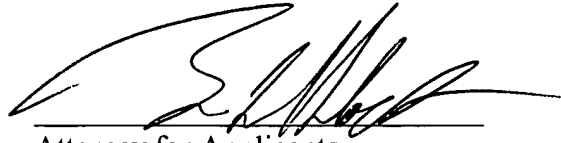
The Examiner objected to the specification and to Claims 13, 19, and 20 based on minor informalities. Applicants have amended the specification and Claim 13 to correct the informalities. Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the objections are requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that Claims 11-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Without conceding the propriety of any outstanding rejection, Claims 11-13 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant submits that those claims are allowable, and that this application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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